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April 9, 2014

Re: Gary Development Landfill Site, Gary, Indiana – U.S. Environmental Protection Agency General Notice of Potential Liability

Dear Ms. Blake:

Shell Oil Company ("Shell") has received the General Notice Letter issued dated April 2, 2014 regarding the above-referenced site. Your letter requests that Shell notify U.S. EPA within seven days from receipt of Shell's willingness to participate in on-going negotiations regarding an Administrative Order for a remedial investigation and feasibility study. Please be advised that Shell disputes its status as a potentially responsible party and has very little information regarding the basis for the letter or the desired work. However, at this time, without admission of liability and not waiving any defenses, Shell is willing to participate in negotiations with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the potentially responsible parties.

You may contact Shell through me at the address, phone number and email on this letter, or by contacting Dan Kirk, Principal Program Manager at (713) 241-7140, or by email to: dan.kirk@shell.com.

Very truly yours,

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